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JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES

CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CAMPBELL COUNTY (GILLETTE) VACANCY

Wyoming Supreme Court Chief Justice E. James Burke, who acts as Chairman of the Judicial Nominating Commission, announced today that Sixth Judicial District Circuit Court Judge Terrill R. Tharp will be retiring from the court, effective January 1, 2017.

The Judicial Nominating Commission will accept expressions of interest from qualified persons to fill the vacancy through August 24, 2016. Copies of the expression of interest form can be obtained from the Supreme Court's website, <http://www.courts.state.wy.us/Administration/Careers>. The completed form ***must be received*** in the office of the Chief Justice no later than 5:00 p.m., on August 24, 2016.

Governor Matthew H. Mead will appoint the Sixth Judicial District Circuit Court Judge (Campbell County) from a list of three names submitted to him by the Judicial Nominating Commission. Serving on the Judicial Nominating Commission are Chief Justice Burke, three lawyers elected by the Wyoming State Bar: P. Craig Silva of Casper, Richard H. Honaker of Rock Springs, and Professor John M. Burman of Laramie; and three non-lawyers appointed by the Governor: Janine Thompson of Cheyenne, Lori A. Emmert of Douglas, and Teri Bowers of Grover.

TO SERVE AS A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, ONE MUST BE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THE STATE, AND AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE LAW IN WYOMING.